

COUNCILMEMBER DEBI STARNES

AS AMENDED BY CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
OR HIS DESIGNEE TO CHANGE THE NAME OF  
BEDFORD PLACE IN ITS ENTIRETY TO  
CENTRAL PARK PLACE, NE; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

**WHEREAS**, the street currently known as Bedford Place is within the corporate boundaries of the City of Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, Bedford Place was named for Confederate Officer Nathan Bedford Forrest; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Forrest has been associated with the Ku Klux Klan and the infamous massacre of Black Union troops at Fort Pillow, Tenn.; and

**WHEREAS**, the community has expressed a desire to rename the street because of the alleged affiliations with the Ku Klux Klan and the massacre; and

**WHEREAS**, notice and a public hearing on the proposed street name change will be done in accordance with the Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, this will address any concerns the neighbors and the affected business community may have and will not cause any undue hardships for anyone.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA** as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That Bedford Place, NE in its entirety be renamed Central Park Place, NE.


**SECTION 2:** The changes are effective upon the Mayor's approval.


**SECTION 3:** That the appropriate City agencies, including but not limited to the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Planning and the Clerk of Council, are hereby directed to take such steps as are necessary to have the name changed on street signs, maps and other official documents and markers.

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**Sec. 2-2. Naming of public facilities and streets in honor of persons.**

No public building, park, park facility, public street, right-of-way, bridge or similar public facility shall be named after or in honor of any person, unless such person has attained the age of 85 years or has been deceased at least one year or such naming is a condition of a gift or grant accepted by the city.

(Code 1977, § 18-4007)

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## Forrest, Nathan Bedford

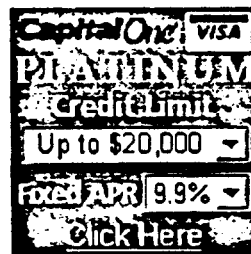
1821 – 1877

**Soldier;** born in Bedford County, Tenn. With little formal education, he became a wealthy livestock dealer, planter, and slave trader. When the Civil War commenced, he enlisted as a private, but by October 1861 he was a lieutenant colonel in command of his own troop of cavalry. He participated in many of the early battles including Shiloh, but soon began to operate on his own, using his cavalry as a "strike force." His motto was the phrase attributed to him: "Git there fustest with the mostest." Aggressive and daring; b1he stabbed a would-be assailant to death after taking a near-fatal gunshot wound; b1he struck hard and often at Union lines in Tennessee and Kentucky from 1862--64; troops under his command carried out an infamous massacre of black Union troops at Fort Pillow, Tenn. After the war, he had to rebuild his fortune through planting and railroading. He served as grand wizard of the newly organized Ku Klux Klan (1867--69) but resigned in protest of some of its tactics.

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